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## U.S. assaults Al Qaeda, Taliban support structures

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*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — U.S. aircraft and Tomahawk cruise missiles hit 85 percent of their 31 targets during the first two days of strikes against the Al Qaeda terrorist network and Taliban support structure inside Afghanistan, DoD officials said today.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon press conference that strikes continue in Afghanistan for a third day. All U.S. aircrews returned safely, they said.

They said the continuing strikes were the military side of the constant pressure the U.S. government and its allies

are putting on Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network and its Taliban supporters.

The strikes hit terrorist training camps, airfields, anti-aircraft radars and launchers, communications nodes and some military concentrations. Myers said the initial strikes have given the United States "air supremacy" over Afghanistan and the secretary said the United States can now conduct operations over the country "around the clock, as we wish."

The strikes set the stage for a sustained campaign against Al Qaeda and its Taliban supporters. Rumsfeld said conditions make it easier to deliver humanitarian rations.

Myers said U.S. forces hit 13 targets with five to eight land-based bombers and 10 to 15

Navy strike aircraft. In addition, two ships and one submarine launched 15 Tomahawk missiles at targets in Afghanistan.

Two C-17 transports also dropped 37,500 Humanitarian Daily Ration packs to refugees within Afghanistan. DoD will deliver medical supplies to the Afghan refugees in the future. Rumsfeld said medical supplies would not be airdropped.

Rumsfeld and Myers would not give specifics about future campaign plans. Rumsfeld said the air attacks would concentrate on "emerging targets" and hit them as necessary. He scoffed at reports that aircrews were running out of targets. "We're not running out of targets, Afghanistan is," he said.

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PH1(AW/SW) Greg Messier photo

Aviation ordnancemen move a 1,000 pound bomb onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in preparation for strikes against Al Qaeda terrorist training camps and military installations of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan on Oct. 7.

## Navy victims remembered



JO2 Jim Williams photo

A Sailor from the Pacific Fleet Band plays taps during a special memorial service called "In memory of our shipmates" held Thursday on the Ford Island Banyan Tree lawn. The service was held in memoriam the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

## Secretary of the Navy's 226th birthday message

**A message from the Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — As we celebrate the United States Navy's 226th year of defending this great republic, it is fitting that we take a few moments to reflect upon our proud heritage.

Throughout history, our Navy and our nation have defeated every adversary and every challenger we have faced.

In the earliest days of our republic, USS Constitution and her sister ships defeated the most powerful navies in the world.

In World War II, the attack on Pearl Harbor spurred us on to sweep the Imperial Fleet from the Pacific. Today we face a new foe in a new kind of war, but at the end of the day, the result will be the same — victory.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 will echo through history. My charge to you is to never forget. Never forget this attack on the American way of life. Never forget the lives of our shipmates and countrymen lost. Never forget the selfless acts of bravery and generosity that emerged following the attacks. With renewed purpose, we will come to remember Sept. 11 as the day that marked the beginning of the end for these enemies of

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## Local command remembers fallen shipmate

*NAVPACMETOCCEN mourns Sailor killed in Sept. 11 terrorist attack on Pentagon*

**AGC (AW) Michael Venglar**  
*NAVPACMETOCCEN*

Members of Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Center/Joint Typhoon Warning Center, Pearl Harbor, bid farewell and celebrated the memory of a shipmate during a memorial



AG1 (SW) Edward Earhart

service held Oct. 3. The ceremony honored Aerographer's Mate First Class Edward Thomas Earhart, a former NAVPACMETOCCEN Sailor, who was killed when terrorists crashed a hijacked passenger airliner into the section of the Pentagon where he was working.

AG1(SW) Earhart served at the Mobile Environmental Team at Pearl Harbor from April 1997 until November 2000.

While in Pearl Harbor, he provided meteorological support to several units home-ported here including USS Fletcher, USS Frederick, USS Port Royal, USCGC Rush and FMF MOCC MIDPAC.

The memorial service celebrated a Sailor's life and honored his passing. His shipmates,

AG3(SW) Levis Chongolola and AG3 Ryan Weaver, who both attended Earhart's funeral in Kentucky, talked about his friendship and love for life.

Another friend and shipmate, IT2 Arwen Militante, rang the bell during a solemn two-bell ceremony that concluded with a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" sung by another friend and shipmate, HM2 Lynnette Hearn.

His shipmates were there, his friends participated and the memorial service was short and simple.

It helped those who knew him and cared for him to mourn their loss and, more importantly, to celebrate the life that he lived and the service that he gave to the Navy and to his country.

## Preventive tips help to avoid getting bitten, contracting dengue fever

**Tripler Army Medical Center**

Dengue fever has been in the local news quite a bit lately since cases have been confirmed in Hawai'i.

Tripler Army Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine staff has put together a comprehensive fact sheet that explains what dengue fever is and how to prevent it from affecting you and your families.

People get dengue fever from the bite of a

mosquito infected with a dengue virus, said Robert J. Woodrow, PhD., Tripler Army Medical Center's entomologist. (Entomology is a branch of zoology that deals with insects.)

Within two weeks of exposure, the virus can produce a sudden onset of high fever, severe

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